

## **Arizona Partnership for Pollution Prevention**

### **Industry Involvement in the Partnership for Pollution Prevention (P3)**

The Arizona Partnership for Pollution Prevention (P3) provides a means of networking and mutual assistance among participants to promote hazardous waste reduction.

P3 participation is an opportunity for industry to get involved in running this program, establish guidelines, and eliminate existing impediments to pollution prevention.

The industry partners coordinate and plan meetings, schedule speakers, arrange facility tours, address issues of interest, and share their waste reduction accomplishments among business sectors.

### **Official P3 members and other participants come from many different industry sectors:**

Amigo - Maquiladora industries on both sides of the Arizona - Mexico border.

Aerospace - Airlines and aerospace manufacturers.

Automotive - Fleet maintenance and vehicle repair facilities.

Boats & Marinas - Businesses, individuals and agencies involved with surface water use and management.

Electronics - Microchip, printed circuit board, and other related companies.

Environmental - Recycling, remediation firms, environmental consultants and vendors.

Government - County and city governments involved with environmental and water treatment services.

Green Building - Residential builders and municipalities using / promoting environmentally sound building practices, designs and materials.

Industrial - Utilities and manufacturing companies.

Medical Services - Hospitals and medical services providers.

Military - Military bases, National Guard and reserve units.

Mining - Mines, sand and gravel operations.

### **Pollution Prevention Plans**

Most P3 members develop a Pollution Prevention Plan for their facility.

Pollution prevention refers to any operating, fabricating, housekeeping, or managing techniques that reduce pollutants. Pollution prevention activities include toxics use reduction, source reduction, recycling, waste minimization, reclamation, conservation, reuse, and material substitution.

A facility utilizes the information gained from an evaluation of their operations (producing hazardous waste or using toxic substances) to identify pollution prevention opportunities.

Pollution prevention provides improved environmental protection; lower waste handling treatment and disposal costs; raw materials and energy conservation cost savings; reduced liability; a safer and cleaner work place; and improved regulatory compliance.

### **P3 Membership Requirements**

P3 members sign a membership agreement to make a good faith effort to promote source reduction, share pollution prevention information, and set specific goals to minimize hazardous waste generation at their facilities.

### **ADEQ's Involvement in the P3**

The Pollution Prevention Unit in the Waste Programs Division of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) coordinates the Partnership for Pollution Prevention.

They arrange quarterly meetings for all P3 Teams, resolves impediments, act as advocates with other agencies, and provide information and support. The knowledge gained is distributed to other firms in order to share the Partnership benefits with non-participants. Non-members are invited to participate at any time, and new members are welcome and appreciated.

### **Arizona P3 (Partnership for Pollution Prevention)**

The Arizona Partnership for Pollution Prevention (P3) is a voluntary, nonregulatory, government-industry partnership built on trust. Currently, there are over 100 P3 members.

### **P3 Goal**

The goal of the P3 is to reduce the generation of hazardous wastes, toxics use, and to improve communications and cooperation between government and industry.

P3 members agree to make a good faith effort to evaluate, identify, and implement pollution prevention activities at their facilities.

### **P3 Activities**

The P3 Teams meet statewide to discuss problems / solutions, exchange industry specific ideas on reducing hazardous waste, and provide facility tours to showcase successful P2 projects.

P3 activities include sharing information on successful waste reduction efforts and identifying and resolving impediments to pollution prevention.

The P3 members may also participate in a materials exchange and mentor other companies in

pollution prevention.